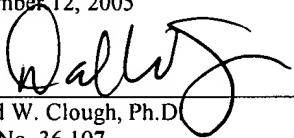




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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 24, 2005**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a petition for one month extension of time and an appropriate fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) (1).